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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Makoto SHOZAKAI**

Serial No: 09/380,563

Filed: September 3, 1999

For: SPEECH PROCESSING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR  
IMPROVING SPEECH QUALITY  
AND SPEECH RECOGNITION  
PERFORMANCE

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action of August 14, 2003, please amend the application as shown below and, further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal having being filed on February 13, 2004, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.